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Dear Sir:

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It is requested that the Examiner fully consider the cited references and that they be cited on the front of any patent issuing from this application.

Copies of the cited references are attached.

Statement of Relevance of Foreign Patent Document:

European patent application No 0 622 320 – Method and device for cutting a material in sheets

To cut sheets (1) out of a web of material (2) precisely in terms of register and format, two separate transverse cutters (39, 40) are provided directly one after the other in the running direction (11), which cutters, in mutual dependence as well as in dependence on the web-length measuring system of an upstream drawing-in device (47), firstly cut the leading end of the web of material (2) in one plane (42) and directly afterwards separate the trailing end of the sheet (1) from the web of material (2) in a further plane (41). The length of the sheets (1) can thus be maintained with high precision at a high operating speed.

German patent application No 196 53 403

Disclosed is a sheet process machine, in which adjacent sheet pieces are shifted relative to each other so as to create a spacing.

European patent application No 0 841 270 – Sheet treatment machine

The sheets are fed in line into the processing machine where a first cutting cylinder (21) and are rotated so that the freshly cut edge leads. This provides a second trim for the new trailing edge, using a second cutting cylinder (57) followed by a second inspection station (6). The sheets are trimmed longitudinally after the edge trim which sets the width of the sheets.

German patent application No 42 38 387 - Cut-register control device on cross-cutters of rotary printing machines

The invention relates to a cut-register control device on cross-cutters of rotary printing machines. Markings on printing unit cylinders can be scanned by scanning devices which are also connected to a comparison and control circuit, as is the scanning device of a driven cutter cylinder, the comparison and control circuit influencing actuating devices on printing medium webs in such a way that if there are angular deviations between printing unit cylinders and cutter cylinders, corrections are made. It is characterized by the fact that, between rotary encoders (10, 12) belonging to a printing unit (11) and pulling devices (6) there is a control loop for a drive (28) of pulling devices (6) independently of a control loop between rotary encoders (10, 24) of the printing unit (11) and of a cutting cylinder (5) for a drive (23) of the cutting cylinder (5).

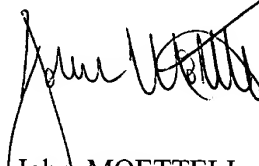
German patent application No 1 044 589

A cross-cutting device with cut regulation for paper, film or similar webs, in which the surface of the web, before the cut, is scanned by means of photoelectric viewing elements and their result is converted into electrical pulses which, after being amplified, pass to contact switches which are driven synchronously by the cross-cutter, wherein the photoelectric viewing elements (11, 12, 13) are alternately connected, indirectly or directly, by means of the contact switches (17, 18; 19, 20; 21, 22) to two triggering elements (29, 30), to which the pulses generated as a result of faulty points in the web are fed and which then - as known per se - activate a device (38) for applying markings at the faulty points on the web, said markings in turn controlling a device (53) for separating out the faulty sheets.

An early action on the merits is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner has further questions, he is invited to contact the undersigned at phone 011-4122-346-8744 or fax at 011-4122-346-8960.

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